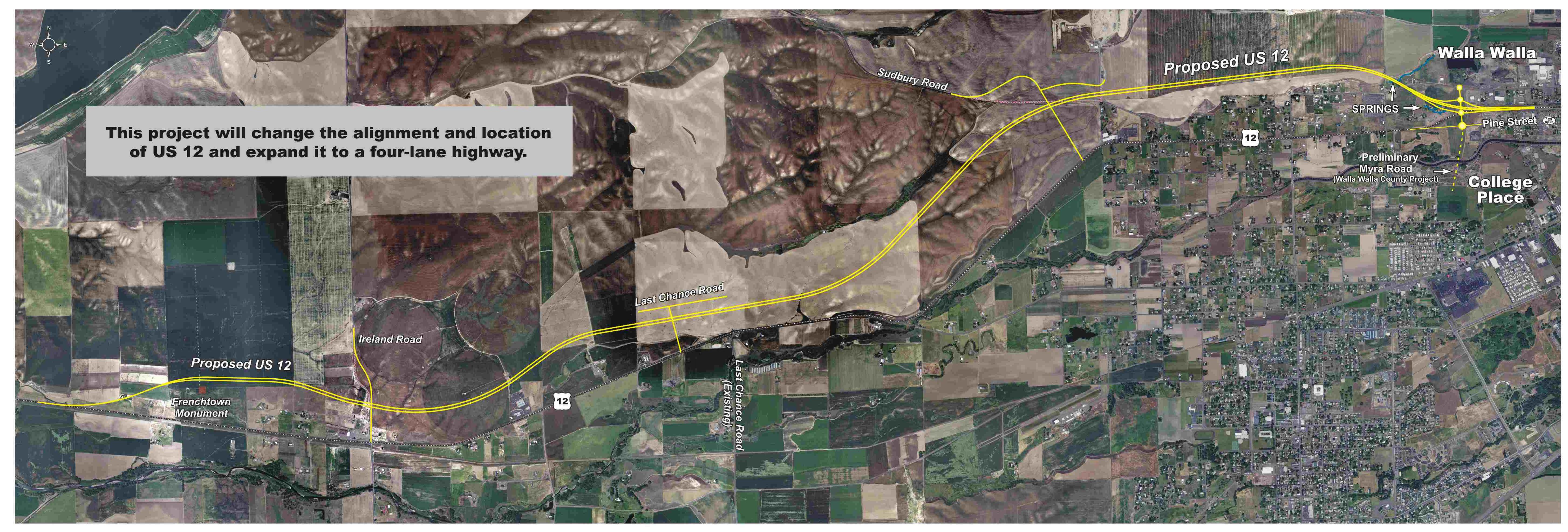


Phase 6: McDonald Road to Walla Walla

Four-laning US Highway 12



Why is WSDOT widening US 12?

This project is part of a corridor plan to widen US 12 from the Snake River Bridge to the city of Walla Walla. This project will improve safety, decrease congestion, and enhance economic vitality.

Project Description

This section of US 12 will be relocated and constructed as a four-lane divided highway. WSDOT will construct approximately eight miles of new highway, three new intersections, and an interchange at Pine Street.

Project Benefits

The new highway will limit cross traffic by reducing the number of intersections and private driveways. It will also provide new, safer intersections at Ireland Road, Last Chance Road, and Sudbury Road.

A new interchange will be added at Pine Street to reduce congestion, improve traffic mobility, and encourage economic development.

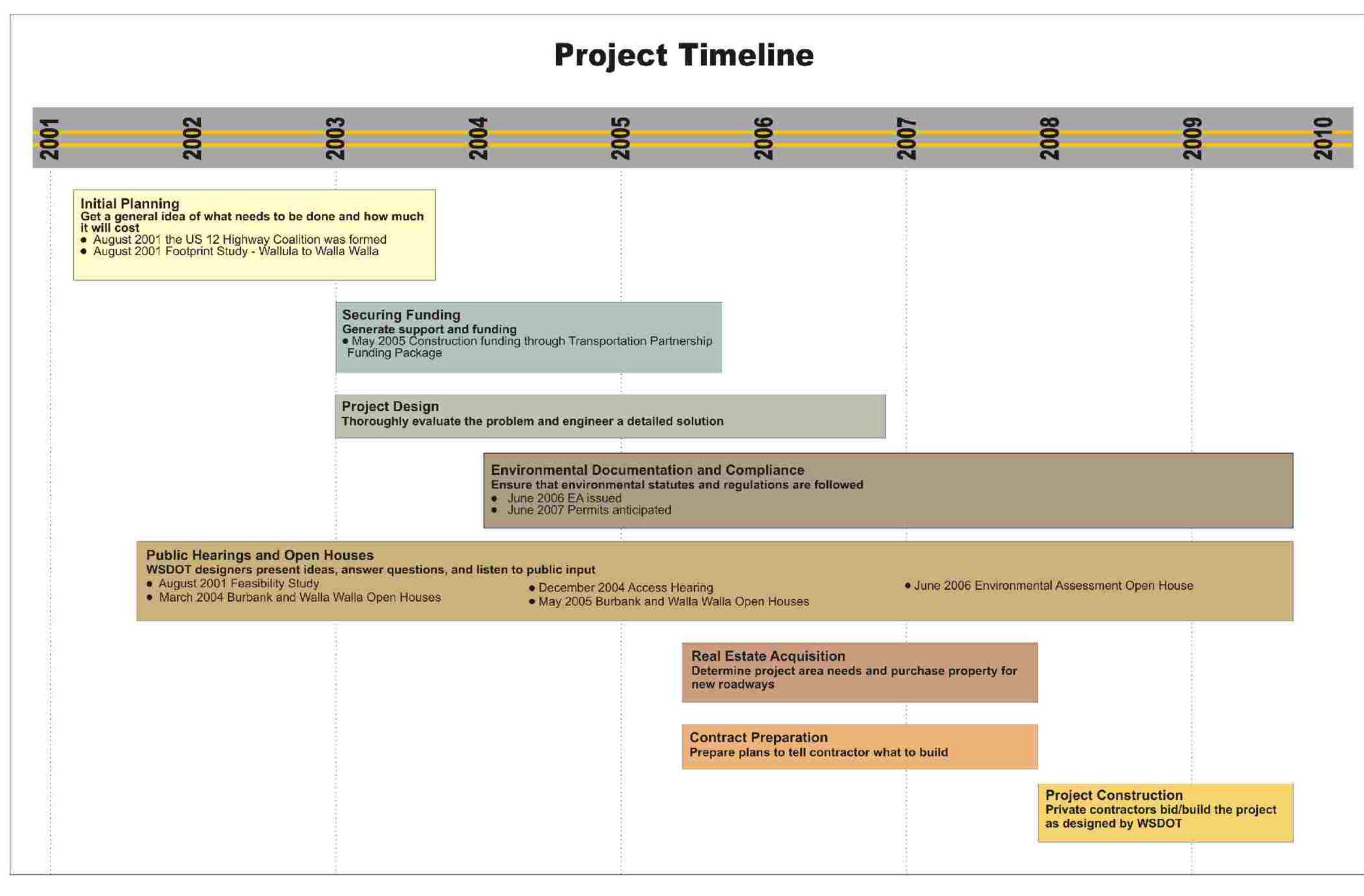
Project Cost Estimate

Total: \$50.4 million

Note: This estimate includes engineering, right-of-way, and construction costs. Funding for this project comes from several state and federal sources.

Construction Timeline

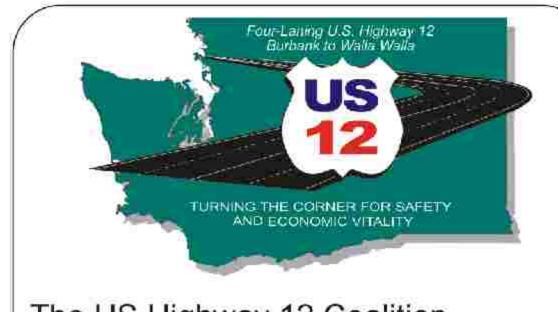
Start: Spring 2008 Finish: Fall 2009



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The new gas tax (9.5¢ phased in over four years) funds \$36 million for this project. The Washington State Legislature demonstrated their sustained commitment to the people and businesses of our state by enacting the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. In addition to the gas tax, the package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges. This package funds over 270 projects that will make roads and bridges safer as well as ease choke points on the system.



The US Highway 12 Coalition has formed an alliance of public and private organizations working to four-lane US Highway 12 from Burbank to Walla Walla.